

CLAIMS:

1. Method for storing broadcast contents,
 - where a plurality of content categories (KAT1, KAT2) is pre-defined;
 - where each of the content categories (KAT1, KAT2) are defined by at least one content descriptor (OB1, OB2);
- 5 - where broadcast contents, transmitted over at least one broadcast transmission channel, are received;
 - where received broadcast contents, described by a content descriptor (OB1, OB2), are automatically assigned to a content category (KAT1, KAT2) which is defined by the corresponding content descriptor (OB1, OB2);
- 10 - and where the broadcast contents assigned to a content category (KAT1, KAT2) and the assignments of the broadcast contents to the corresponding content categories (KAT1, KAT2) are automatically stored.

2. A method according to claim 1,
- 15 - where a storage address (SPE1, SPE2) is assigned to each of the content categories (KAT1, KAT2), and
 - where the broadcast contents assigned to a content category (KAT1, KAT2) are automatically stored according to the storage address (SPE1, SPE2) assigned to the corresponding content category (KAT1, KAT2).
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3. A method according to any of the preceding claims,
where quantitative information about the stored broadcast contents is shown, broken down according to content categories (KAT1, KAT2).

- 25 4. A method according to claim 3,

where a pre-allocated storage capacity (7, 8) is allotted to each content category (KAT1, KAT2), and the degree to which the pre-allocated storage capacity is occupied is shown.

5 5. A method according to any of the preceding claims, where the received broadcast contents, described by a logical combination of several content descriptors (OB1, OB2), are automatically assigned to the content category (KAT1, KAT2) defined by the corresponding logical combination of several content descriptors (OB1, OB2).

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6. A method according to any of the preceding claims, where broadcast contents, transmitted over a plurality of broadcast channels, are received simultaneously.

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7. A method according to any of the preceding claims, where the beginning and/or the end of a broadcast content is transmitted as an accompanying signal with the broadcast content.

8. A method according to any of the preceding claims, 20 where content descriptors (OB1, OB2) are transmitted as accompanying signals with the broadcast contents.

9. A method according to any of the preceding claims, 25 where information about broadcast contents, assigned to the content category (KAT1, KAT2), are automatically shown to the user upon selection of the content category (KAT1, KAT2).

10. A broadcast content storage system (100)
- with at least one receiver (1, 2) for receiving broadcast contents transmitted over a 30 broadcast channel,
- with a storage unit (6) for storing broadcast contents and

- with a processing unit (5) which is configured in such a way that received broadcast contents, described by a content descriptor (OB1, OB2) are automatically assigned to a content category (KAT1, KAT2) defined by the corresponding content descriptor (OB1, OB2); and that the broadcast contents assigned to a content category (KAT1, KAT2)
- 5 are automatically stored in the storage unit (6) under allocation to the corresponding content category (KAT1, KAT2),

11. A broadcast content storage system (100) according to claim 10 with a display unit (13) for displaying quantitative information regarding the stored broadcast contents, broken down according to content categories (KAT1, KAT2).

12. Control module (12) for a broadcast content storage system (100) according to claim 10

- with a query interface (9) to the broadcast content storage system (100) for requesting quantitative information regarding the stored broadcast contents, broken down according to content categories (KAT1, KAT2) and
- with a display unit (13) for displaying quantitative information regarding the stored broadcast contents, broken down according to the corresponding content categories (KAT1, KAT2).

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13. Control module (12) according to claim 12

- with a content selection unit (14) for user selection of a stored broadcast content or a content category (KAT1, KAT2),
- and with a selection interface (10) to the broadcast content storage system (100) for transferring information regarding the user selected broadcast content or content category (KAT1, KAT2).

14. Control module (12) according to claim 12 or 13

- with a content transfer interface (11) to the broadcast content storage system (100) for transferring a selected broadcast content or broadcast contents of a selected content category (KAT1, KAT2) to a local broadcast storage (15).